

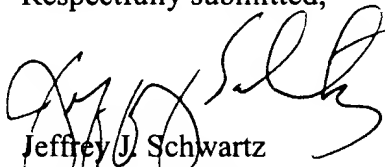
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With regard to the declaration, the attached Supplemental Reissue Declaration corrects the matters indicated above by (i) providing the date of the signatures and the post office addresses for the first and second inventors, (ii) stating that the first and second inventors are joint inventors of the subject matter claimed, and (iii) identifying the foreign application on which priority is claimed by specifying the application number, country, day, month, and year of its filing.

A new "Consent of Assignee" statement is also attached at Exhibit B. The new statement indicates the title of the person signing on behalf of the assignee. The examiner is advised that the present assignee is Zellweger Luwa AG through a merger agreement with the original assignee, Luwa AG. A certified copy of an excerpt of the merger agreement has been recorded under separate cover. The recorded excerpt of the agreement together with a statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) is attached at Exhibit C.

For all of the reasons discussed above, Applicant submits that all of the claims in the case are now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore requested at an early date. If the examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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